



Meeting Minutes: Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee			
Date	June 9, 2020	Location	CONFERENCE CALL ONLY!
		Call-In Number	(425) 436-6370
		Access Code	372022
Time	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Facilitator:	Carolyn Shores Ness & Norene Pease, Co-Chairs

<p>ATTENDEES: <i>Duncan Colter, Ashfield BOH</i> <i>Donna Gibson, Williamsburg BOH</i> <i>John Hillman, Leverett BOH</i> <i>Betsy Kovacs, Heath BOH</i> <i>Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield BOH</i> <i>Norene Pease, Shutesbury BOH</i></p>	<p>GUESTS: <i>Carmela Lanza-Weil, Berkshire and Franklin Medical Reserve Corps</i> <i>Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Colrain BOH</i></p>
<p>ABSENT: <i>Valerie Bird, Greenfield Health Director</i> <i>Mike Friedlander, Colrain BOH</i> <i>Doug Telling, Charlemont BOH</i> <i>Deb Coutinho, Shelburne</i> <i>Dan Wasiuk, Montague Health Director</i></p>	<p>FRCOG STAFF: <i>Mark Maloni; Lisa White; Liz Jacobson-Carroll</i></p>

Agenda Items	
1) Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	Called to order by Shores Ness at 4:35 PM
2) Review/approval of June 2, 2020 minutes	Gibson moved to accept the June 2, 2020 minutes, Hillman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3) Old business a) Resources for farms and farmworkers around COVID-19.	a.) In light of the shutdown of the COVID-19 testing site at the Big E fairgrounds, members discussed potential ways to address the need among farmworkers. Maloni indicated that the Hampshire PHEP Coalition makes good use of a multi-purpose trailer, and that Homeland Security funding may be available for MAPHCO to purchase its own. <i>He and Tracy Rogers will draft language for a</i>

<p>b) Follow up on Conversation with Senator Comerford.</p>	<p><i>request to the Planning Committee, for funds to purchase a trailer, prior to its next meeting, with the goal of submitting a formal request to the Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council in July. Martin-Anzuoni suggested the Franklin County Fairgrounds as a possible testing site.</i></p> <p>b.) Shores Ness reported that the MAPHCO request to DPH for free flu vaccines was unsuccessful, but that she continues to advocate with Sen. Comerford's staff. No-cost flu clinics would reduce exposure for volunteers (by reducing on-site paperwork) and serve as practice for a future COVID-19 vaccine clinic, she said. <i>Maloni will forward the original request letter to the Senator's office, and the FCCHC to procure PPE for farmworkers throughout the region.</i></p>
<p>4) New business</p> <p>a) Community Tracing Collaborative update(s).</p> <p>b) Situation report from each EDS.</p> <p> i) Flu clinic preparations.</p> <p> ii) Planning concerns on future COVID-19 vaccination clinics.</p> <p> iii) Specific needs from the FRCOG staff to move EDS work forward.</p> <p>c.) This week's risk communication messaging.</p>	<p>a.) White reported improved communication between CTC supervisors and CPHS (nurses and BOH members); sharing of information through MAVEN has improved in both detail and frequency, confidentiality concerns have been addressed, and local supervisor Marjorie Wilke will attend either the 6/16 or 6/23 MAPHCO meeting. White noted her enthusiasm regarding CTC's process and staff, and its ability to trace the contacts of straightforward cases throughout the impending surge. (As previously determined, CPHS staff will retain responsibility for complex cases.) <i>White will send brief written summary of CPHS/CTC working relationship to Pease on Wednesday. Maloni will distribute to members the previously gathered list of questions for CTC supervisor. Maloni and White will consult CTC to determine and coordinate best virtual format for upcoming meeting.</i></p> <p>b.) EDS Reports:</p> <p> i) Shutesbury/Leverett is planning a practice flu clinic for its volunteers; Frontier is considering a drive-through flu clinic.</p> <p> ii) Frontier is planning for several outdoor fall drive-through COVID-19 vaccine clinics at various venues (perhaps including the industrial park and Yankee Candle) and multiple winter indoor drive-through clinics at the highway garage and fire station.</p> <p>In addition, members shared successful accommodations, made at recent town meetings and for in-person voting, which may be applicable elsewhere. These involved: open-sided tents in parking lots; voting machines just inside the door of Town Hall; collaboration between Police, Highway and Town Hall staff; and a pen for every voter. Deerfield held its election inside, using voting booths in four corners of large space; staff stayed home for two days to allow for voting one day, and sanitization of town hall the next day. Shores Ness recommended the use of fire department fans to pull air from the room, and discouraged the use of thermometers, as studies indicate only 40% of those infected manifest an elevated temperature.</p>

	<p>iii) See italicized sections throughout minutes. <i>Maloni will send a link to a statewide report on COVID-19 hospitalizations.</i></p> <p>c.) <i>This week's messaging will be a visual guide to when and where it is appropriate to wear a mask.</i> Future efforts will include messages specifically for schoolchildren, as well as reminders regarding continued risk and harm-reduction as the state re-opens.</p>
<p>5) Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>Shores Ness initiated a discussion regarding the MAPHCO budget for FY21, noting that CARES Act money to address pandemic-related expenses is available, but could be used up quickly, leaving EDSs unprepared. Discussion topics included: the importance of having adequate supplies in hand prior to the rollout of a vaccine; FRCOG EPP staffing and the possible re-aligning of MAPHCO and REPC; and the potential costs of re-opening school districts (for PPE needs, alternative scheduling, mobile classrooms, etc). <i>FRCOG staff will convene to compile list of existing and needed supplies (by town, by EDS and regionally), with funding source considerations indicated, and will encourage Greenfield and Montague to participate in this and related MAPHCO efforts.</i> Members expressed a desire to reach out to other non-participating MAPHCO towns and EDSs.</p>
<p>6) Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>Shores Ness moved to adjourn the meeting, Gibson seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.</p>